



Voter Brief

Ballot Alert

By Melanie Allen, Community Outreach Coordinator

Voters should pay very close attention to their ballot when they vote in the November 8, 2005 Election. There will be differences in the way some of the ballot pages are arranged.



A Ballot Book Contains Several Ballot Pages. Voters Should Read the Instructions On Each Page.

In many municipalities, text explaining the issues will be on facing pages. Voters accustomed to being guided through the issues by the arrow pages, could possibly overlook an issue on a facing page. To avoid this possibility, read each page carefully and follow the written instructions at the top of each ballot page.

Voters are strongly encouraged to: 1) count the number of candidates they have selected, and 2) check the punch positions on their bal-

lots after they have completed voting and prior to placing their ballots in the ballot box.

To check punch positions, a voter should confirm they have punched a hole in the number on their ballot that corresponds to the number next to the candidate or issue on the ballot page the voter intended to vote for.

This simple check will help voters avoid over-voting. If a voter is uncertain regarding: 1) how to check their ballot, 2) whether they have made a mistake on their ballot while voting, or 3) if a voter notices a mistake when checking their ballot, they should ask a Poll Worker for assistance prior to putting their ballot in the ballot box. Once the ballot is cast it is too late to make corrections because ballots cannot be retrieved from the ballot box.

Poll workers can show voters how to check punch positions on their ballot and Ohio law entitles voters to receive up to 3 ballots, if needed, to correct mistakes.

For additional information call *Community Outreach Voter Education & Training Services* at 632-7030.

Voter Brief Tip:

Before casting your ballot check your punch positions to ensure you selected the correct candidate(s) as well as the proper number of candidate(s).

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"Over-Voting"

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Over-voting occurs when a voter chooses more options than permitted for a particular race. For example in the City of Cincinnati Council race, voters may not vote for more than nine candidates even though there are thirty-one people running for the nine seats on Council.

To avoid over-voting, a voter should first read the instructions for each race carefully and determine the number of candidates permitted to be selected. To ensure the proper number of candidates were selected, a voter can count the positions punched for a particular race or all races on their ballot.

Voters can get familiar with their ballots prior to going to the polls to vote by visiting our website at www.hamilton-co.org/boe and using our polling location wizard. The wizard enables voters to preview the information and instructions that will appear on their ballot.

For Information Regarding Voting:

Call the Board of Elections

632-7000



How To Become A Poll Worker?

Call the Poll Worker Department:

Gena Howard, Democrat Coordinator 632-7041

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